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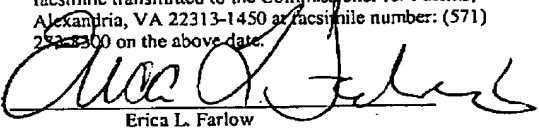
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
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Kouznetsov et al. ) Art Unit: 2161  
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Application No. 10/056,702 ) Examiner: Goddard, B.  
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Filed: January 25, 2002 ) Date: August 09, 2005  
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING )  
A FRAMEWORK FOR NETWORK APPLIANCE )  
MANAGEMENT IN A DISTRIBUTED )  
COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT )

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AMENDMENT C

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 9, 2005 and the  
Advisory Action mailed July 27, 2005, please enter the following amendments  
believed to place the claims in condition for allowance.